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1. At 11:30 a.m. on 27 February 1954, 8 trucks occupied by troops towing 37-mm AA guns   went from Dessau to Rossbau. 1

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2. At 5 p.m. on 28 February, 14 trucks, occupied by troops and towing 14 x 37-mm AA guns; 2 field kitchens, 1 repair shop truck and 1 water tank truck left Rossbau toward Dessau.

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  The unit returned at 7:15 p.m. on 3 March.

3. At 12:30 p.m. on 4 March, 14 trucks, occupied by troops, towing 14 x 37-mm AA guns   left Rossbau toward Dessau.

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  At about 12:45 p.m. on the same day, a shipment of 12 x 150-mm guns, 12 prime movers, 16 to 18 trucks,   and 9 boxcars occupied by troops was seen en route toward Dessau.

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4. On 5 and 6 March, the barracks installations (3401) in Rossbau were occupied by an estimated 3,500 troops, mainly tank units and including AT and AAA units. The intensive training previously observed outside the installation, especially with the tank units, had considerably decreased. Only individual T-34/85 tanks,   left the installation toward Gross-Kuehnau. Training within the installation continued, with firing practices, including advanced combat practice firing; and training on obstacles, being observed.

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5. During the last days of observation, individual groups of engineers engaged in reconditioning of quarters at the water training sites south of the Brambach flax plant. The sawmill at the water training site southeast of Rosslau was again in operation. Engineer trucks carrying beams and logs went from there toward the water training site south of Brambach. 4

6. [redacted] Camp Gross Kuehnau was occupied by only a guard detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

7. In the afternoon on 6 March, Camp Gross Kuehnau was apparently being vacated, with billeting equipment being shipped away by several trucks.

1. Comment. [redacted] an AAA unit of the air force from the Zerbst airfield.

2. Comment. [redacted] units of the 62d AAA Div the bulk of which is stationed in Kochstedt.

3. Comment. [redacted] The 25X1 information on decreased training activities of tank units is correct. According to other reports, numerous tank units of the division were at Letzling Heath for firing practices from mid-February to early March.

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